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Education level-wise distribution of job-seekers registered in employment exchanges

(in thousands)

YEAR	10th Class Passed	10+2 Passed	Graduate	Post Graduate	Diploma Holders	Grand Total
1991	12777.7	5516.4	3387.5	419.7	333.2	22435.5
1992	13120.7	5572.7	3450.0	455.0	407.8	23006.3
1995	13947.1	6104.4	3813.4	509.2	421.0	24795.0
1996	14098.0	6243.2	3977.3	515.1	431.7	25265.3
1998	15230.3	7020.7	4389.0	596.0	553.0	27788.9
2000	15987.2	7367.9	4376.4	763.7	735.8	29231.0
2002	16188.6	7715.5	4303.9	806.8	653.1	29667.9

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO THE UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Foreign Trade Policy

†995. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the new Foreign Trade Policy introduced from September, 2004;

(b) whether it has been proposed to provide relaxations to export-oriented units to increase employment opportunities therein under the said trade policy; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The Foreign Trade Policy announced on 31st August 2004 proposes to double India's percentage share of global merchandise trade by 2009 and act as an effective instrument of economic growth by giving a thrust to employment generation, especially in semi-urban and rural areas. The salient features of the new Foreign Trade Policy are available in the 'Foreign Trade Policy', 2004-09 and a copy of the Foreign Trade Policy is available in the Parliament library for reference.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) Some of the new incentives which have been announced for Export Oriented Units in the Foreign Trade Policy are:—

1. EOUs shall be exempted from Service Tax in proportion to their exported goods and services.

2. EOUs shall be permitted to retain 100% of export earnings in EEFC accounts.

3. Income Tax benefits on plant and machinery shall be extended to DTA units which convert to EOUs.

4. Import of capital goods shall be on self-certification basis for EOUs.

5. For EOUs engaged in Textile and Garments manufacture leftover materials and fabrics upto 2% of CIF value or quantity of import shall be allowed to be disposed of on payment of duty on transaction value only.

6. Minimum investment criteria shall not apply to Brass Hardware and Hand-made Jewellery EOUs (this facility already exists for Handicrafts, Agriculture, Floriculture, Aquaculture, Animal Husbandry, IT and Service sectors).

Export of steel to Pakistan

996. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India Steel Alliance has urged Government to promote steel exports to Pakistan; and

(b) if so, the current statistics of export of this commodity to Pakistan and the future action plan to boost the exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.